

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 04/28/2009 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 04/28/2009, 06/24/2009, and 10/06/2009 have been considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-21, 26-30, 38-43, 50-53, 57-61, 73-75, 77, 81-82, and 88-127 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Reasons for Allowance stated in previous correspondences and are not repeated herein. Additional

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claims not previously allowed are indicated as such due to the narrowing in scope of the claimed invention, claim subject matter previously indicated as allowable, or depend from an allowable claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GEORGE A. BUGG whose telephone number is (571)272-2998. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-6:30, and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ben Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2963. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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